

2005 English Comprehension 1 (Spring Semester)

Days	Dates	Textbook: <i>Listen to this! Intermediate</i> Videos: <i>New Interchange 2, etc.</i>	Journal & Reading	Attendance (Yes, No, Late)
1 2	4-13 (W) 4-15 (F)	Introduction & Video Unit 1: Please leave a message	Find a book in the library	Y N L Y N L
3 4	4-20 (W) 4-22 (F)	Unit 2: You need a break! Video:	Journal 1 Book Report 1	Y N L Y N L
5 6	4-27 (W) 5-6 (F)	Unit 3: I think we're lost Video:	Journal 2 Book Report 2	Y N L Y N L
7 8	5-11 (W) 5-13 (F)	Unit 4: Where did you grow up? Video:	Journal 3 Book Report 3	Y N L Y N L
9 10	5-18 (W) 5-20 (F)	Unit 5: It's a goal! Video:	Journal 4 Book Report 4	Y N L Y N L
11 12	5-25 (W) 5-27 (F)	Unit 6: Sightseeing Video:	Journal 5 Book Report 5	Y N L Y N L
13 14	6-1 (W) 6-3 (F)	Unit 7: TV Violence Video:	Journal 6 Book Report 6	Y N L Y N L
15 16	6-8 (W) 6-10 (F)	Unit 8: I'd like to return this (To be arranged)	Journal 7 Book Report 7	Y N L Y N L
17 18	6-15 (W) 6-17 (F)	Unit 9: What a great vacation! Video:	Journal 8 Book Report 8	Y N L Y N L
19 20	6-22 (W) 6-24 (F)	Unit 10: Can you help me with my essay? Unit 11: What happens to our trash	Journal 9 Book Report 8	Y N L Y N L
21 22	6-29 (W) 7-1 (F)	Unit 12: I feel terrible Video:	Journal 10 Academic Reading	Y N L Y N L
23 24	7-6 (W) 7-8 (F)	Unit 14: I disagree! Unit 13: Future Plans	Academic Reading "	Y N L Y N L
25 26	7-13 (W) 7-15 (F)	Unit 15: Following instructions Video:	Academic Reading "	Y N L Y N L
		Make-up class if needed (補講?)		Y N L Y N L

Evaluation: Based on attendance, participation, homework, and quizzes.

Self-study on the Web! For extra listening and reading practice, try these:

✓ **Listening & Reading: Japan Times Shukan ST Online (World and Japan News)**

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/shukan-st/>

✓ **Listening & Video: Connect With English (American Conversation and Culture)**

http://www.learner.org/resources/series71.html#program_descriptions

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Connect with English

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This free online program is a great way to develop your ability to understand conversational American English. Each episode is 15 minutes long. In all, there are 48 episodes. You need to use a recent version of Internet Explorer, Microsoft Media Player, and a broadband connection (ADSL, etc.). The PC classrooms on campus are fine.

If the direct link above does not work, then try this:

1. Go to <http://www.learner.org/>
2. Click "**View Programs**" [tab at the top of the page]
3. Scroll down to "**Online via video on demand**" and click "**program**"
4. Scroll down to "**Connect with English.**"
5. Click on the video symbol mark **VoD** at the right of the title.
6. To watch these videos online the first time, you need to **sign in**. The "**sign in**" link will appear when you click on the video's title. Fill in the information ("zip code" means *yubin bango*). The second time you want to watch, just type in your e-mail address and password in the "**log in**" boxes.

Episode Descriptions (Samples)

- Episode 1: Rebecca's Dream
The story begins as we meet **Rebecca Casey**, a 28-year-old Boston working woman, who dreams of becoming a singer. We also meet her boyfriend **Matt** who **doesn't think much of** [*doesn't like*] her dream, and her 17-year-old brother, **Kevin**, who **doesn't think much about** [*doesn't consider*] the future at all. Rebecca considers applying for music school and pursuing her career full-time, rather than **holding down a factory job** [*continue working*] and doing her music on the side. We also meet real-life immigrants and students who discuss the similarities between Rebecca's experiences and their own.
- Episode 2: Differences
Rebecca starts to apply to music schools. Her father, a widowed, disabled firefighter, worries that she is choosing **a chancy career** [*risky, unstable*], and that Kevin is not studying hard enough to graduate. Rebecca's best friend at the factory where she works is **Sandy**, who admires Rebecca, but in her own life, just wants to settle down and raise a family. The episode includes a review and a brief discussion.
- Episode 3: A Visit to the Doctor
Rebecca's **father** has a worrisome checkup from his doctor. He has to eat better and exercise, or face a possible heart attack — advice he ignores. At a Memorial Day barbecue, Rebecca talks to Sandy about Sandy's boyfriend **Jack**, who shows up drunk and **belligerent** [*angry, wanting to fight*]. The episode includes a review and a brief discussion.